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Center for Psychological Studies

Psychological, Legal, and Ethical Concerns Working with Domestic Violence Families

Presented by:

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January 28, 2000

9:00 a.m. to Noon



Psychological, Legal, and Ethical Concerns Working with Domestic Violence Families

ABOUT THE PRESENTER

Lenore E. Walker, Ed.D., is a professor of psychology, coordinator of the clinical forensic concentration and part of Nova Southeastern University's Center for Psychological Studies faculty. Her research and clinical work has focused on the psychological impact of interpersonal trauma, particularly battered woman syndrome. She is the author of 10 books and numerous professional articles, including editor of the *American Psychologist's* January 1999 section on international perspectives on domestic violence. She was the chair of the American Psychological Association Presidential Task Force on Violence and the Family that produced many of the guidelines to be discussed at this workshop.

FOCUS STATEMENT

The APA has been publishing suggested guidelines when working with victims, perpetrators, and children in families where there has been domestic violence. This workshop will cover 20 of these guidelines, including the rationale behind them and new psychological data to support them. For example, the new neuropsychological research suggests that children who are exposed to domestic violence have changes in their biochemical secretions that are commonly associated with PTSD. These changes may well alter the structure, as well as the function, of the brain and nervous system in response to the repeated trauma of exposure to both child abuse and woman battering, the most common forms of domestic violence. The implications for treatment and legal concerns such as custody and access of parents to children can be profound. This workshop will explore some of the new data and its implications for clinicians. **The workshop will meet *Florida Statute 455* to fulfill the domestic violence requirement for mental health professionals.**

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OBJECTIVES

As a result of this workshop, participants will:

- identify information on the number of patients in one's practice who are likely to be victims of domestic violence, and the number who are likely to be perpetrators of domestic violence
- learn screening procedures for determining whether a patient has any history of being either a victim or a perpetrator of domestic violence
- understand how to refer such patients to resources in the local community, such as domestic violence centers and other advocacy groups, that provide legal aid, shelter, victim counseling, batterer counseling, or child protection services
- examine the 20 most common ways to practice ethically in domestic violence cases
- explain the new neuropsychological research in PTSD
- identify the legal issues that practitioners will face when working with domestic violence families
- list the signs of PTSD in children exposed to domestic violence
- identify the resources published by the APA

AGENDA

Friday, January 28, 2000

9:00 a.m.—Noon

REGISTRATION INFORMATION WORKSHOP FEES

Advance Registration	\$45
Regular/On-Site Registration	\$55
Full-Time Students—Advance	\$25
Full-Time Students—On-Site	\$35

TO REGISTER

To register, please call Kym at: (954) 262-5790

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REFUND POLICY

Registration fees are refundable (less an administrative fee) if written notice is postmarked no later than one week prior to the seminar date. Refunds require a minimum six-week processing time. Refunds will not be issued after that date, however credit may be applied to future workshops.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Nova Southeastern University's Center for Psychological Studies reserves the right to cancel any continuing education workshop due to underenrollment. In the event of a cancellation, Nova Southeastern University will issue a full refund to workshop participants.

NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION

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LOCATION

This workshop will take place in Nova Southeastern University's Maltz Psychology Building, Room 2057. This facility is located on the northeast corner of the main campus, near the intersection of College Avenue and Abe Fischler Blvd. (SW 30th Street).

DIRECTIONS

FROM I-95 (NORTH OR SOUTH), OR FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE (NORTH OR SOUTH), TO MAIN CAMPUS: Take I-595 exit, westbound, proceed on I-595 to Davie Road Exit; go south to Nova Drive, then turn right, heading west to College Avenue (traffic light). Turn left, heading south on College Avenue to Abe Fischler Blvd.; go right, heading west, and take first left into campus. The Maltz Psychology Building is the first building on the left.

CONTINUING EDUCATION INFORMATION

Psychologists: Nova Southeastern University's Center for Psychological Studies is approved by the American Psychological Association to offer continuing education for psychologists. Nova Southeastern University's Center for Psychological Studies maintains responsibility for the program. Clinical social workers, mental health counselors, marriage and family therapists: Nova Southeastern University's Center for Psychological Studies is approved by the state of Florida's Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling to offer continuing education. **Provider #CM-065-Exp. 1/2001**

All mental health professionals will receive **three** credits for this workshop. **No partial credit will be awarded.** Check your licensing state's rules and regulations for more information regarding your continuing education requirements. Nova Southeastern University is committed to making programs accessible to all prospective attendees. Let us know if you have specific requirements due to a disability.

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